

DCPS-DPR BEFORE-CARE SERVICES TRANSFER

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR PARENTS

<i>Adams Bilingual</i>	<i>Amidon- Bowen ES</i>	<i>Bancroft ES</i>	<i>Hendley ES</i>	<i>Malcolm X ES</i>	<i>Oyster Bilingual</i>	<i>Payne ES</i>	<i>Simon ES</i>	<i>Turner @ Green ES</i>
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What is “before-care”?

“Before-care,” formerly managed by the Department of Parks and Recreation, is a program that offers parents and guardians caretaking services for children before the school day begins. As of August 2009, the program has been absorbed by the DCPS Office of Out-of-School Time.

What is the start date for the before-care program?

The before-care program services will begin on the first day of school, August 24, 2009.

What time will the before-care program begin?

Before-care begins at 7:00 a.m.

Who is eligible to participate in before-care programs this year?

In this transition year, all students who participated in the before-care program through DPR will be eligible to participate in the DCPS before-care program. There will be a limited number of spaces available at each site for students who did not participate in the DPR program. Applications for these spaces will be taken accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Who will be eligible to participate in before-care programs next year?

Enrollment procedures for the 2010-2011 school year will be determined based on the success of this year’s pilot and on available funding.

What documents do I need to enroll my child in the program?

To enroll a student in before-care, the following are needed:

- **Documentation of Relationship to the Student**

One of the following methods may be used to demonstrate that you are your child(ren)'s parent or guardian:

- Documentation of TANF status which includes children's names;
- Birth certificate (large format – must include parents' names);
- A passport including parents and children;
- Adoption papers/Court papers; or
- A referral from a DC Government Agency

- **Income Documentation – One of the following**

- Documentation of TANF-eligibility – Please bring *either*:
 - A letter with the child's name listed from the TANF worker, *or*
 - An Automated Client Eligibility Determination System (ACEDS) printout (active case with the child's name listed)
- A letter from your employer

NOTE: This is acceptable only if you have a new job, or are employed as a domestic employee and do not receive pay statements. The letter must specify hours of work and salary
- Copies of the last 3 pay stubs for every adult in the household
- If you are self employed only, a copy of your most recent tax return (all schedules)

Is there a fee associated with before-care?

The co-payment for before-care is \$5/day. If a student is a foster child or a member of a family receiving TANF, there will be no fee.

In past years the Department of Parks & Recreation has provided care during the period when school was not in session (i.e., spring break, winter break, professional development days, etc.) Will that be the case this year?

DCPS will be working in cooperation with the Department of Parks and Recreation and neighborhood-based organizations to ensure that students have a programming option when school is not in session.

Many Department of Parks & Recreation sites served dinner during the aftercare program in the 2008-2009 academic year. Will that practice carry over into this school year?

DCPS will not be able to continue this practice this year.